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ADDENDUM NO. 1

Department of Education
Request for Proposal to Plan and Implement an Alternative Education School for
the Orleans Parish Recovery School District
Requisition No. 678PUR70731
Proposal submission deadline: **September 13, 2006**
Proposal Closing Time: **2:00 p.m. C.S.T.**

Your reference is invited to the request for proposal, solicitation number to Plan and Implement an Alternative Education School for the Orleans Parish Recovery School District.

Attached are the responses to the inquiries received by the deadline set forth in the Request for Proposal.

This addendum is hereby officially a part of the referenced request for proposal and should be acknowledged submitted with the bid proposal response.

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**Questions and Answers: RFP, Plan and Implement an Alternative
Education School for the Orleans Parish Recovery School District, 9/7//06**

1. The time difference between when the submissions are due and when the programs are expected to start is extremely abbreviated. Does this mean that the schools are already existing, fully staffed, or does it mean that the proposers should anticipate the responsibility of hiring qualified staff, providing required training, and then being ready to open school within days?

The schools do not already exist and are not currently staffed. The proposers should anticipate the responsibility of hiring qualified staff and providing required training. The negotiation of the contract with the successful proposer will involve anticipated opening dates of the school and a time schedule for start up activities.

2. Are the student populations currently in place or will recruiting the students be the responsibility of the management firm?

Students in attendance at schools under the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District will provide a population of potential students; however, no students are currently placed in an alternative setting. Thus, the placement of students or recruiting of students will occur after an alternative school has been opened.

3. I took this information from the alternative education rfp; what does this mean? Does it mean that proposers can elect to offer consulting services as opposed to alternative education management and operational services?

If so, are there any guidelines for proposers interested in serving as consultants?

Proposers who are interested in providing consulting services under this RFP should submit a proposal containing the information specified in Section 4.0. The fully completed proposal with original signatures by an authorized representative must be received in printed copy version by the RFP Coordinator designated above by the deadline date specified in the Calendar of Events. Fax or e-mail submissions are not acceptable.

Proposers can elect to provide consulting services under this RFP. There are no separate guidelines for proposers interested in providing consulting services. Such proposers are asked to submit a proposal containing the information specified in Section 4.0.

4. In 3.2 "Minimum Qualifications of Proposer" we exceed the first two requirements; however, we are not a 501(c)(3). Is a waiver allowed for this requirement? If not, what is the process if a non-profit bidder does not meet the first 2 requirements?

There is no waiver for the requirement that the proposer be a non-profit corporation. La. R.S. 17:1990(B)(2) provides as follows:

La. R.S. 17:1990(B)(2)(a) The school district may provide for the supervision, management, and operation of a school placed under its jurisdiction and receive, control, and expend the local, state, and federal funding attributable to that school, with all the same power and authority as the prior system from which it was transferred subject to the requirements of this Section, R.S. 17:10.5 or 10.7, or with any other power and authority otherwise granted to the district by law. As it relates to schools transferred pursuant to R.S. 17:10.7, the authority of the school district is also subject to the approval of the state board of the plan submitted pursuant to R.S. 17:10.7(B)(2)(b). **The district shall not contract with any for-profit private provider for the general operation of any school under its jurisdiction. The district may contract with for-profit providers for any needed services for a school operated under its jurisdiction.** (Emphasis Supplied)

This provision in law does not permit the Louisiana Department of Education to enter into a contract with a for-profit provider for the general operation of an alternative school.

Each proposer must meet all minimum qualifications set forth in Section 3.2.

5. Is there an estimate of the numbers of students by grade and/or program available at this time?

The anticipated minimum number of students per school is 200 students and the anticipated maximum number of students per school is 400 students. There are currently no estimates of students per grade and/or program.

6. Regarding the **Alternative School Choice**.....where students that have dropped out or are at risk of dropping out are seeking a standard high school diploma.....does the Agency that wishes to operate such a school have to be a Charter School?

The agency submitting a proposal does not have to be a Charter School. This Request for Proposal regarding the operation of an alternative school is distinct from an application to operate a school as a charter school, which is a process specifically set forth in La. R.S. 17:3791 et seq. A successful proposer will enter into a contract with the Louisiana Department of Education for the operation of an alternative school(s). Its existence and the parameters within which it will operate are governed by that contract.